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DETAILED ACTION***Response to Arguments***

1. Applicant's arguments filed 3/22/10 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that in the process as disclosed by Atake, the space in the slot 43 is completely sealed from the molding space 3 during the molding operation, and the molding resin does not flow from the molding cavity 13 into the slots 41-46 because the china-painting sheet S seals the slots 41-46 from the cavity 13. However, Atake teaches that process conditions such as molding pressure and temperature could cause the china-painting sheet S to fuse partially or fracture, also when fusion resin was revealed from the gap of the china-painting sheet S and the male type parting surfaces 34b and 34d to cause resin burr (see paragraph 19). Particularly, Atake teaches that if injection pressure is increased too much, resin burr will flow into the perimeter side out of the pushing-out portion of the female-die parting surface 14 (see paragraph 22). Therefore, the space in the slots 41-46 are not completely sealed from the cavity 13 during the molding process to prevent molding resin to flow from the molding cavity 13 into the slots 41-46 as Atake clearly teaches that in the event of a fracture or partial fusion of the china-painting sheet, resin of a flow state ejected in the forming cavity serves as resin burr in an injection-molding process and it leaks and comes out from said fusion fracture part between a china-painting sheet and a parting surface and enters into the insides of a slot for resin burr (see paragraphs 32 and 61-65).

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Conclusion

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